



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 27, 2011

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2700 (Arizona centennial statehood day)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2700 (Arizona centennial statehood day). The bill established February 14, 2012 (and each centenary thereafter) as an 11th paid holiday for state employees in honor of Arizona's Centennial.

Shutting down a large portion of state government operations in order to celebrate Arizona's Centennial sends the wrong message to Arizona taxpayers. For the vast majority of Arizonans, February 14, 2012 will be a regular work and school day. Federal and local government offices and schools will most likely be open. Regardless of the legitimate celebratory nature of the day, it does not make sense to tell the public that state government offices are closed while the rest of Arizona is open for business.

My veto does not signify any lack of support for our state employees and their families in these times of economic and state budget difficulties. I appreciate the dedication shown by state employees, particularly amidst the budget cuts and salary reductions.

I believe we can celebrate Arizona Centennial Statehood Day and also serve the public by having state offices open for business. In fact, it is appropriate that we do just that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being the most prominent.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Russell Pearce
The Honorable J.D. Mesnard
Senate Secretary
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Arizona News Service

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fiftieth Legislature
First Regular Session
2011

HOUSE BILL 2700

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 1-301, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ARIZONA
CENTENNIAL STATEHOOD DAY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 1-301, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 1-301. Holidays enumerated

5 A. The following days shall be holidays:

- 6 1. Sunday of each week.
7 2. January 1, "New Year's Day".
8 3. Third Monday in January, "Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights
9 Day".

10 4. FEBRUARY 14, 2012, "ARIZONA CENTENNIAL STATEHOOD DAY" AND EACH
11 FEBRUARY 14 OF EVERY CENTENARY THEREAFTER.

12 ~~4.~~ 5. Third Monday in February, "Lincoln/Washington Presidents' Day".

13 ~~5.~~ 6. Second Sunday in May, "Mothers' Day".

14 ~~6.~~ 7. Last Monday in May, "Memorial Day".

15 ~~7.~~ 8. Third Sunday in June, "Fathers' Day".

16 ~~8.~~ 9. July 4, "Independence Day".

17 ~~9.~~ 10. First Sunday in August, "American Family Day".

18 ~~10.~~ 11. First Monday in September, "Labor Day".

19 ~~11.~~ 12. September 17, "Constitution Commemoration Day".

20 ~~12.~~ 13. Second Monday in October, "Columbus Day".

21 ~~13.~~ 14. November 11, "Veterans' Day".

22 ~~14.~~ 15. Fourth Thursday in November, "Thanksgiving Day".

23 ~~15.~~ 16. December 25, "Christmas Day".

24 B. When any of the holidays enumerated in subsection A falls on a
25 Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday, with the
26 exception of the holidays enumerated in subsection A, paragraphs 1, 5, ~~7, 9~~
27 ~~and 11~~ 6, 8, 10 AND 12.

28 C. When any of the holidays enumerated in subsection A, paragraphs 2,
29 ~~8, 13 and 15~~ 4, 9, 14 AND 16 falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall
30 be observed as a holiday.

31 D. When the holiday enumerated in subsection A, paragraph ~~11~~ 12 falls
32 on a day other than Sunday, the Sunday preceding September 17 shall be
33 observed as such holiday.

34 Sec. 2. Holiday leave for certain state employees working
35 February 14, 2012

36 All state employees who work forty hours or more per week and who do
37 not receive commensurate time off with pay for the holiday enumerated in
38 section 1-301, subsection A, paragraph 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
39 amended by this act, for 2012, regardless of the day of the week on which the
40 holiday falls, are entitled to receive, in addition to compensation for hours
41 worked, one day of holiday leave not to exceed eight hours. Part-time
42 employees who work a percentage of full-time are entitled to a proportional
43 amount of this holiday leave. Employees forfeit holiday leave earned
44 pursuant to this section if the leave is not used before December 31, 2012 or
45 the employee leaves state employment before using the leave.

Passed the House March 10, 20 11

by the following vote: 60 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 12, 20 11

by the following vote: 26 Ayes,

3 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

 day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 19, 20 11,

by the following vote: 54 Ayes,

6 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

20 day of April, 20 11,

at 8:34 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

VETO, 20 _____,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State